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SENATOR CHAMBERS: Mr. Clerk, Mr. President, I would like to withdraw all of my amendments down to AM205 (sic, FA205), which is the one that I will take up. But the ones above that I will withdraw.

SENATOR CUDABACK: So ordered. It might take a minute here, Senator Chambers.

ASSISTANT CLERK: Senator, could you tell me the number that you want.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: FA205.

ASSISTANT CLERK: FA205. Mr. President, FA205 is found in thy Journal on page 1621.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Senator Chambers, you're recognized to open on FA205.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Thank you. Mr. President and members of the Legislature, the amendment is also found on your gadget. going to read it so it will be a matter of record. This would be a new section. And before I read it, I want to tell what the rationale is. We've heard all of this talk about becoming independent of foreign oil. Ethanol can never create that independence because enough of it cannot be produced. Ethanol is not a viable fuel; ethanol is a fuel extender, an octane You add one teaspoon of ethanol to nine teaspoons of regular gasoline, and you get what they used to call gasohol. You could not take nine teaspoons of ethanol, one teaspoon of regular, and produce a fuel that will operate in cars that are on the road today. So ethanol is not a fuel, it is a fuel extender. Now here is what my amendment says: No plant shall eligible to receive credits under this act if it uses or derives energy for the production of ethanol from any fuel which does not contain 10 percent of ethanol, with the exception of electrical energy. I would like to ask Senator Dierks a question.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Senator Dierks. I'm sorry, Senator.